REMARKS

Remarks Regarding the Specification

Applicant has amended the paragraph of the specification under the "RELATED APPLICATIONS" header to include the filing dates of the parent non-provisional applications and their current status. Also, the paragraph has been amended to note the one of the parent applications claimed the benefit of a provisional application. No new matter has been entered.

Remarks Regarding The Claims

Claims 1-8 and 21-32 are pending in the application. Claims 21-32 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 5 and 8 are rejected. Claims 4, 6, and 7 are objected to. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-8 without prejudice. Accordingly, these claims are not addressed herein.

Applicant has added new claims 33-38. New claims 33-38 are supported by the specification on, inter alia, page 9, lines 1-14. No new matter has been entered.

Claim 33 recites, in part:

> assigning a unique color to each letter of an alphabet; and
> communicating letters of said alphabet in terms of said assigned unique colors
> without utilizing unique geometric shapes to represent said letters of said alphabet.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art (U.S. Patent No. 4,713,308, 47,443,199, and 6,022,222) of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 8 merely disclose assigning unique indicia (colors or icons) to phonics or grammatical constructs of a language. The cited art does not teach or suggest assigning a unique color to each letter of an alphabet. Moreover, the cited art does not teach or suggest communicating the unique colors without utilizing unique geometric shapes for the letters of the alphabet. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 33 is patentable over the cited art. Claims 34-38 depend from claim 33 and, hence, inherit all limitations of claim 33. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 34-38 are also patentable over the cited art.

Claim 37 (including the limitations of intervening claims) requires: wherein said communicating letters is implemented in a computer-aided language tutorial; wherein said

communicating letters of said alphabet occurs when a user of said computer-aided language tutorial enters information in response to a prompt from said computer-aid language tutorial to enter a word; wherein said prompt is a display of an object for a word that the user spells in response to said prompt; and changing a color of said object to the respective unique color associated with a letter to be entered for said word.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest a computer-aided tutorial in which letters of an alphabet are communicated without utilizing geometric shapes in the manner claimed by claim 37 to aid the process of learning a language by the user of the computer-aided tutorial. Applicant submits that claim 37 is patentable over the cited art. Claim 38 depends from claim 37 and also is submitted to be patentable over the cited art.
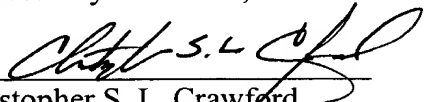
Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."** Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 56553/P001CP1/10103864 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that follows the "RELATED APPLICATIONS" header on page 1 of the application with the following paragraph:

The present invention is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/439,414, entitled "COLOR CODED ALPHA-NUMERICS MUSICAL NOTES, AND SYMBOLS," <u>(filed November 11, 1999, now abandoned)</u> the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/971,842 <u>(filed September 11, 1999, now abandoned)</u>, entitled "COLOR CODED ALPHA-NUMERICS MUSICAL NOTES, AND SYMBOLS," which is incorporated herein by reference<u>, which claimed the priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/030,388 (filed September 23, 1996)</u>.

In the Claims

Claim 1 cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 2 cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 3 cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 4 cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 5 cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 6 cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 7 cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 8 cancelled without prejudice.

33.   (New) A method for representing language constructs;

assigning a unique color to each letter of an alphabet; and

communicating letters of said alphabet in terms of said assigned unique colors without utilizing unique geometric shapes to represent said letters of said alphabet.

34.   (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said communicating letters is implemented in a computer-aided language tutorial.

35.   (New) The method of claim 34 wherein said communicating letters of said alphabet occurs when a user of said computer-aided language tutorial enters information in response to a prompt from said computer-aid language tutorial to enter a word.

36.   (New) The method of claim 35 wherein said prompt is a display of an object for a word that the user spells in response to said prompt.

37.   (New) The method of claim 36 further comprising:

changing a color of said object to the respective unique color associated with a letter to be entered for said word.

38. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein said changing a color occurs when the user enters an incorrect letter.